



National Guard Volunteer Awards Program

2013

The National Guard Joint Family Program recognizes the importance of volunteers as valuable contributors to the Family Program mission. Volunteers serve by giving freely of their time and talents, providing services or resources, or sharing skills to benefit Service members and their Families. As a most precious resource, the Family Program acknowledges volunteers through a national volunteer recognition program.

1. The Volunteer Awards Program was established in 2008 as a way to thank and honor volunteers who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. It is designed to promote superior performance among all volunteers and recognize outstanding contributions made by statutory volunteers and organizations.
2. The 2013 Volunteer Awards nomination submission period will be from January 1-31, 2013. The Regional Volunteer Team (RVT) will review the nominations and select recipients for awards in seven (7) categories with a total of eighteen (18) recipients. The performance period, except for the Gold Award, will be for the previous calendar year (January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012).
3. Recipients will be active statutory volunteers who represent and enhance the quality of life in support of Service Members and Families. Statutory volunteers, authorized by federal statute (10 USC 1588), serve in an official capacity and seek credit for their volunteer hours in direct support of the National Guard Family Program.
4. Award Nomination Selection procedures:
 - a. Any member of a state, territory, or district may nominate a National Guard volunteer, Family, group and/or organization for awards by completing the online nomination form.
 - b. The nomination form is located on the Joint Services Support (JSS) portal at:
<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=749>
 - c. Nominations will NOT be accepted after **January 31, 2013**.
 - d. The RVT will review all nominations using a blind review process and select recipients based on the RVT Award Rating Scale in Appendix C. The National Guard Bureau Volunteer Program Manager will conduct a final review.
 - e. Selections will be vetted by the respective State Family Program

Director and Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager.

- f. The National Guard Joint Family Program Division will notify the respective State Family Program Director and Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager in April 2013.
- g. The NGB Family Program Division will mail the respective award to the recipient's local Family Program office for presentation at the state level. The National Volunteer Workshop will feature a special tribute to the award recipients.

5. 2013 National Guard Family Program Volunteer Awards:

- a. Guard Family of the Year Award – Presented to one Army Guard and one Air Guard Family* that shows outstanding and exceptional service to the Family Program. (2 recipients)
- b. Regional Volunteer of the Year Award – Presented to one adult volunteer from each of the ten (10) regions who shows outstanding and exceptional service to the Family Program. (10 recipients)
- c. Extra Mile Award – Presented to one Army Guard and one Air Guard retiree who distinguishes themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the Family Program by continuing to serve the National Guard through their volunteer efforts. (2 recipients)
- d. Family Program Community Purple Award - Presented to a community group or organization that best exemplifies the true meaning of the “purple” concept within the Joint Family Program by working with both Army and/or Air Guard activities. (1 recipient)
- e. The Gold Award – Presented to a person showing long-term, consistent, and dedicated support to volunteering with the Family Program and within their community. (1 recipient)
- f. Youth Volunteer Award – Presented to a National Guard military youth (15-17 years old) who exhibits exemplary commitment to and support of the National Guard Family Program. Need to show school and community involvement. (1 recipient)
- g. Youth Development Volunteer Award – Presented to an adult who has made a significant impact in the development and support of the Youth Program. (1 recipient)

*Definition of Family – 2 or more people

Appendix A: National Guard Volunteer Awards Recipients

➤ **Air Guard Family of the Year**

2012 Mrs. Tracey and MSgt Freddie Dietz
214th EIS - New Orleans, LA

➤ **Army Guard Family of the Year**

2012 Mr. Jamie and Mrs. Jill Kuzelka; Ms. Natasha and Mr. Chance
Siebrandt; Soldiers: SPC Shad Siebrandt and SPC Taylor
Siebrandt
623rd Engineer Company - Wahoo, NE

➤ **Air Extra Mile Award**

2012 Mr. Mark Giskaas
120th Fighter Wing - Great Falls, MT

➤ **Army Extra Mile Award**

2012 Mr. Gerry Cain
134th BSB - Little Falls, MN

➤ **Family Program Community Purple Award**

2012 Mr. Greg Myers, Ms. Shelly Parini, and Ms. Joanne Truesdell
Clackamas Community College - Oregon City, Oregon

➤ **The Gold Award**

2012 Ms. Christine Gilbreath
2-149 AVN BN - Grand Prairie, TX

➤ **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 1**

2012 Ms. Becca Walters
387th EOD - Edwards, MA

➤ **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 2**

2012 Ms. Dawn Lockwood
HHC 42d CAB - Latham, NY

➤ **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 3**

2012 Ms. Allison Mecadon
29th Infantry Division - Fort Belvoir, VA

➤ **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 4**

2012 Ms. Teresa Frazier
BTRY A 1-181ST FA BN - Lawrenceburg, TN

➤ **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 5**

2012 Ms. Tamika (Tammy) Estes
D Co., 2-135 IN - Albert Lea, MN

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- **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 6**
2012 Ms. Julianne Sanford
A Co -133 - Lufkin, TX
- **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 7**
2012 Ms. Mary Bixler
832nd Engineer Company - Keokuk, IA
- **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 8**
2012 Ms. Laura Hensala
187th AES - Cheyenne, WY
- **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 9**
2012 Ms. Angelina Aldana
149th Chemical Company - Turlock, CA
- **Regional Volunteer of the Year – Region 10**
2012 Ms. Susan D. Murren
116th ACS - Warrenton, OR
- **Youth Volunteer Award**
2012 Mr. Casey Callies
Child & Youth Program - Sioux Falls, SD
- **Youth Development Volunteer Award**
2012 Ms. Sue M. Van Wyk
Youth & Teen Program - Johnston, IA

Appendix B: Information, Tips for Success, and Region Map

➤ **Information:**

- Nominees may be spouses, parents, adult children, siblings, grandparents, aunts/uncles, friends and community members.
- Self nominations will **NOT** be accepted.
- Current members of the RVT and VTT are **NOT** eligible.
- National Guard Family Program paid personnel are **NOT** eligible.
- Military members are **NOT** eligible except for the “Guard Family of the Year Award.”
- Supplementary documents other than online nomination form will **NOT** be accepted.
- Submissions that do not meet all the requirements will not be considered.

➤ **Tips for Success:**

- Use bullet points to describe how the nominee meets the award category and criteria.
- Show examples of community involvement (i.e. Scouting, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, Performing Arts, etc.) in the past calendar year.
- List detailed examples of Family Program activities (i.e. holiday parties, homecoming activities, ceremonies, Family day, drill bake sale, leadership roles, etc.) in the past calendar year.
- Describe how the nominee has made a positive impact.
- Quality is appreciated more than quantity. A well-written and documented submission increases the likelihood of a positive outcome.
- Write and save answers to narrative questions in a word-processing document and “copy-and-paste” them on the online nomination form.

➤ **Regional Map:**



Appendix C: Regional Volunteer Team Nomination Rating Scale

➤ **RATING INFORMATION**

Nominees will be rated based on their nomination forms. Rating will be done on a scale of 0 to 25, with twenty-five (25) being the highest possible points. All nominations will be evaluated by the following criteria.

Whole and half point increments may be used to calculate. (i.e. .5, 1, 1.5)

➤ **Up to TWENTY-FIVE (25) Points may be awarded for:**

- A narrative that has met the award criteria and shows the nominee's belief in the Family Program mission, demonstrates the nominee's impact within their community, and provides references.
- All examples need to be for the past calendar year, January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. (Examples outside the calendar year will not be included in the rating, except for the Gold Award).

➤ **A "No Go" will be awarded for:**

- Incomplete and non-verifiable information on the form.
- Lack of references.
- Nominations received after **January 31, 2013**.

**The 2013 Volunteer Nomination Form is available online beginning
January 1, 2013:**

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=749>

Nomination Deadline: JANUARY 31, 2013

For questions regarding the National Volunteer Awards Program, please contact
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Appendix C: Regional Volunteer Team Nomination Rating Scale

Criteria	Possible Points	Awarded	Comments
ID			
Date / /			
Shows Guard volunteer work	0 - 6		
Shows community volunteer work	0 - 4		
Shows examples of Guard impact	0 - 6		
Shows examples of community impact	0 - 4		
Training/Awards	0 - 2		
Recruited additional volunteers	0 - 1		
Shows belief in Family Program mission	0 - 2		
Total Points			
Date Rated: / /	Region:		

Appendix D: Regional Volunteer Team Award Rating Form

(For information purposes only; nomination form is online)

1. Please select your Region:
2. Please choose one Award category:
 - a. **Guard Family of the Year Award**
 - b. **Regional Volunteer of the Year Award**
 - c. **Extra Mile Award**
 - d. **Family Program Community Purple Award**
 - e. **The Gold Award**
 - f. **Youth Volunteer Award**
 - g. **Youth Development Volunteer Award**
3. Nominee Name, E-mail Address, Mailing Address, and Daytime Phone Number
4. Nominator Name, E-mail Address, Mailing Address, and Daytime Phone Number
5. Unit/Wing Name, Mailing Address, and Daytime Phone Number
6. Provide Two (2) References: Name, E-mail Address, Mailing Address, and Daytime Phone Number
- Use bullet points (one or more) to describe how the nominee meets the award category and criteria. Be brief but provide specific examples to illustrate your point.*
7. "I am nominating the above mentioned person for the following reasons..."
8. Nominee's Previous Volunteer Awards & Training:
9. Nominee's Guard Activities/Leadership Positions/Accomplishments:
10. Nominee's Activities that Impact Guard Unit(s)/Wing(s), and/or the Guard Over-All:
11. Nominee's Involvement in Community (Activities/Leadership Positions/Accomplishments):
12. Show how Nominee's Activities have Positively Impacted Guard Family Readiness Group/Key Volunteer Efforts:
13. Show how Nominee Displays Belief in the Family Program Mission:
14. Has the Nominee Recruited Additional Volunteers?
15. Statement of Accuracy: I agree that the information contained in this form is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.